

SUDDEN DEATHS AT WESTERLY

Edwin C. King's Active Career Ended—Mrs. Sarah R. Beardsley Dies while on a Visit—Not so Easy to Sell Old Armory Site—Stonington Women Injured in Driving Accident.

Not only friends of today, but many of the older residents who "ran the machine" in the days before horses took the fire apparatus to fires, are interested in late propositions for the Pawtucket Veteran Firemen's association to celebrate the centennial of the birthday of William Jeffers, who brought fame to Pawtucket, as a builder of the old hand engine fire tubs, no called.

William Jeffers, who was one of the most noted builders of fire tubs in his day, was born August 27, 1839, in Milton, Mass. When a young man he removed to Pawtucket, and it was there he made his name and fortune. In 1844 when the big double-deck hand engine, built by Agnew, at Philadelphia, was received by volunteers of Pawtucket, Mr. Jeffers, who had been experimenting with fire pumps, took the machine in hand and rebuilt it so far as the pumps and other machinery were concerned, and the machine was sold to Westery and known as the "Hay Cart" outfitting. Subsequently the engine went back to Pawtucket, was rechristened and has been known since as the "Hay Cart" outfitting. Mr. Jeffers' machine is the only one of her class in existence.

Mr. Jeffers devoted his attention to the building of fire engines and the first product of his shop was the Gaspee No. 9 for the Providence department, and now owned by the Providence Veteran association. It was so successful that he constructed and put into commission about 150 tubs of the same type. Subsequently he constructed differing types of box and superstructure.

The Pawtucket association plan to have a muster in that city, August 27, and invite all the machines of the Jeffers make in and about New England to participate. There are about twenty-five of these within a radius of fifty miles and it is believed they will gladly accept the invitation to do honor to the memory of the famous fire engine builder.

In Rhode Island there are at least nine muster engines of the Jeffers build, which includes the Hay Cart of Pawtucket, formerly owned in Westery, and the Gaspee of Providence. Also, the Narragansett, King of New London, later the Rough and Ready of Johnston, and now owned by the Watchmen's company of East Providence. Besides these were the Ocean of Knightville, Star of Cranston, Narragansett of Riverside, Watchmen of East Providence, King of Bristol and Mechanic of Warren. At Philadelphia is located the old Grashopper, of a special experimental type, of which only two were built, the other being sold in Texas. In addition there are a few other Jeffers tubs in the state that have not been in use or at musters in so many years that they have been practically forgotten.

In connection with the celebration, it is planned to have crews of the present active members of the Rhode Island Ones of Westery, and the members of New London man the "Shake her down," and squirt a stream over a measured distance for a suitable prize.

Edwin C. King died suddenly of pulmonary apoplexy Monday morning at his home in High street in his 82d year.

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Valentine Yaeger, who came to Westery thirty-five years ago, and was for a long time employed at the plant of C. B. Cottrell's Sons company, has passed his eightieth birthday in the enjoyment of fair health. He is a musician and several of his sons are now engaged solely as musicians playing in hotel or theater orchestras.

Mr. King's masterpiece is perhaps the building of the Memorial in Memphis, Tenn., which was designed, modeled and carved by himself. It was made from a single block of granite which weighed forty-two tons in the rough. On one end is the statue of Dr. Porter six feet in height, and on the other a Corinthian column, encased with iron and copper, and elaborately carved, the whole making one of the accepted best specimens of work of granite in the country.

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By authority of a vote of the Rhode Island general assembly and by direct order of the adjutant general of the state, Auctioneer Eugene E. Pendleton has been authorized to sell the property in Main street, the site of the old state armory, destroyed by fire several years ago. This armory building was once owned by the Westery Rifles, a local military company, and was sold to the state.

It is expected that Horace Swan will swear out a temporary injunction that will prevent the sale of the property at the time specified on the ground that the property belongs to him and not to the state of Rhode Island.

Mr. Swan claims that he was a commissioned officer of the Westery Rifles and that the organization had no right to dispose of the property to the state, as it had never been legally transferred to the military company.

The property was owned by the late Mr. and Mrs. Linden Taylor. It is understood that in the transfer of the property to the rifle company was not legal as Mrs. Taylor did not sign the deed. It is said that in addition to his alleged claim, as a commissioned officer of the old rifle company, he has since entered a quit-claim deed of the property from the Taylor heirs, and is therefore the real owner of the property.

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Mrs. Hoxie was born in Northampton, England, in 1834, but had resided in Brooklynn for many years, where she was an enthusiastic and zealous Christian worker as a member of Emmanuel Baptist church.

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